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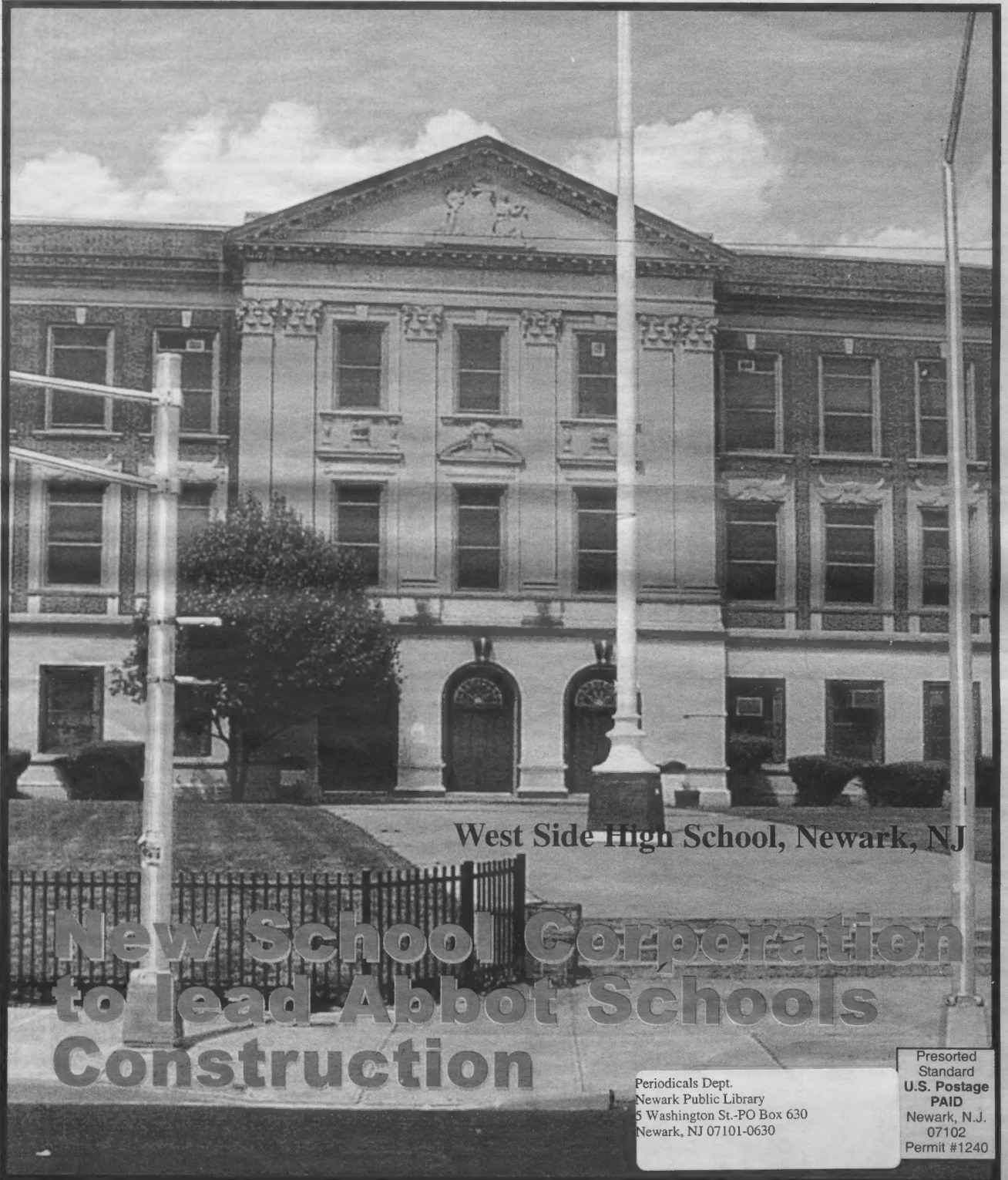
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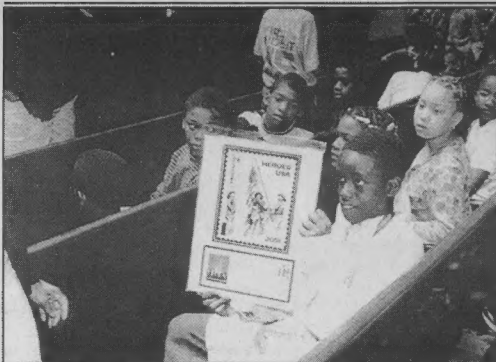


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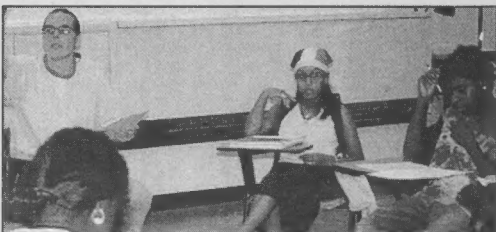
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Heroes of 2001 — Michael Scott, a pupil at Newark's Madison Elementary School, displays the first-day cover for the "Heroes of 2001" semi-postal stamp he received in the City Council Chamber at City Hall. Scott's godfather, Anthony White, was killed in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.



Bloomfield College — Bloomfield College has added a new Upward Bound Program to their curriculum. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families, students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree, and low-income, first-generation military veterans who are preparing to enter post-secondary education. The goal of Upward Bound is to help par-



Senior Art Contest — Jane Lewis of Plainfield and Union County Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. present Lewis' first place winning Non-Professional Mixed Media entry entitled "Three Points of View." Lewis' work is on display at the Union County Senior Art Contest and Exhibition at NUJ/ Elizabeth-town Gas in Union until August 9.



Creamy Face — A face of cream was a small price for Shaquita Booker of Plainfield, 13 (left) to pay to win her age group in the pie-eating contest at the Rhythm and Blues by the Brook's Kid Kingdom sponsored by the County of Union in Cedar Brook Park.



Proud Graduates — Pamela Thomas (right) of Newark and Luis Martinez (second from right) of Jersey City were among five students who graduated from A. Harry Moore High School's Secondary program at recent commencement ceremonies. Ms. Thomas delivered the student address and received The American Legion Award and The Jeffrey A. Pasqua Foundation Award. Mr. Martinez received The American Legion Award and The James William Memorial Award. Both students were congratulated by Scott Chesney (left), a motivational speaker who delivered the commencement address, and Dennis Paporello, A. Harry Moore School Principal. The A. Harry Moore School is a special education facility administered by New Jersey City University.



Early Childhood Graduates — Essex County College Early Childhood Education graduate Curti Lindsay of Irvington (second from right) joins fellow graduate Shurtone Lee of Newark (second from left), as recipients of this year's Administrative Association Scholarship. Essex County College administrators Christopher Cottle (far left) and Phil Linfante (far right) accompany the graduates.

Newark 2002 UNITED STATES YOUTH GAMES EVENT FINDER

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GOLF VENUE

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Curious Observer ?

From a very reliable Federal Reserve official, it was stated that it doesn't take any longer than a day at most to process a check from anywhere in the country, so why do most people specifically in urban areas wait as much as a week for the availability of their funds?

Why does it take five days to process a money order?

Why does it take 5 days to process any check? Does efficient processing cut into the bank's use of funds or does it negate the need for wire transfers which are very costly?

A black realtor recently took a large check to Commerce Bank where the check was written to open an account and get a bank check for a transaction he had the next day. He had to look elsewhere when he was told it would take 2 or 3 days to process a check that was written on the same bank.

I never really understood the logic for charging people of lesser means more interest than people who have wealth.

Why is the entire credit system to this country in the hands of 3 companies who have a reputation of constantly screwing up your report with now repercussions?

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National Briefs

SEPTEMBER 11 INVESTIGATION COMMISSION VOTE PASSES IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON — Despite heavy White House and Republican opposition, the House voted recently to establish an independent commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the Sept. 11 attacks to make recommendations to prevent future attacks. Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) proposed that the panel include relatives of the victims of the attacks. Sources say the Republicans and the Bush Administration fear the commission could result in leaks of sensitive information.

BURGER KING SOLD FOR A WHOPPING \$2.26 BILLION

NEW YORK — The British firm, Diageo Plc has announced the sale of under performing Burger King, the number two hamburger chain in the world, to a private equity consortium for \$2.26 billion. The new owners are Texas Pacific Group, Bain Capital and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners. The current management team is expected to remain aboard to continue relations with U.S. franchise owners.

PETITION ERRORS THREATEN D.C. MAYOR'S PRIMARY BALLOT POSITION

WASHINGTON — The head of the D.C. election board has suggested that Mayor Anthony A. Williams may be kept off the September Democratic primary ballot due to alleged widespread problems in the nominating petitions. If the mayor does not qualify to run on the Democratic ballot, he can still run as a write-in candidate in the primary, or as an independent in the November general election.

BUSH U.N. FUNDING CUT CALLED HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY

NEW YORK (IPS)—President George W. Bush has denied \$34 million in funding approved by Congress for a United Nations program that helps poor women and children worldwide. The funds would have prevented two million unwanted pregnancies and more than 77,000 infant and child deaths, according to the U.N.'s Population Fund which provides family planning and reproductive health services in 142 countries.

Middle East conflict boils over onto veteran black politicians

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Rep. Earl Hilliard's loss of Alabama's 7th District congressional seat may touch off a protracted fight between Jews and black elected officials who are occasionally critical of Israel, says a noted political scientist.

"It could start a fight between Jews and blacks and that's not going to be good for the Democratic Party," says Ronald Walters, a University of Maryland political science professor. "This is going to anger some black leaders. It already has."

Jews and blacks have been traditional allies over the years and among the White electorate, no segment has been more supportive of black causes. Jews have been prominent supporters of the civil rights movement and Congressional Black Caucus members have been strong supporters of Israel.

But there have been tensions between the groups, as well. A major gulf developed over many prominent Jewish

organizations not only oppos-



Ronald Walters, political science professor

ing affirmative action, but also filing friend-of-the-court briefs in major affirmative action cases. And now some members of Congress are complaining that if a black elected official voices criticism of how Israel is retaking land from the Palestinians or dissenting on any issue important to Israel, he or she is targeted for defeat.

The defeat of Earl Hilliard, the five-term congressman from Alabama, is being cited as a textbook example.

"There's no question as to whether they have targeted

black members. As for whether they have targeted White members of Congress, it's unknown to me," says Hilliard, 60, who lost his seat last month to a 34-year-old black political newcomer, Arthur Davis. "It says that the Jews of the United States have one issue — it is Israel. If you do not agree with them, they will fight you and they will try to defeat you."

Hilliard, Alabama's first African-American congressman since Reconstruction, and four other CBC members were among only 21 House members who voted against a controversial May 2 resolution, H-R 392, "expressing solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism."

The other CBC members who voted against it were John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) and Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.).

Editor's Note: Georgia Rep. Cynthia McKinney has been a frequent target of conservative talk radio hosts and listeners since last September when she questioned the Bush administration's prior knowledge of the September 11 terrorists attacks on America.

Nigerian women take on big oil

LAGOS, Nigeria (GIN)—Women protesters demanding a fairer share of oil revenues continue to hold an oil terminal in southern Nigeria despite reports of a settlement and the release of hundreds of hostages.

About 800 workers remain trapped in the Escravos oil terminal in southern Delta state, after about 400 workers were allowed to leave the site last week. About 150 women of Ugborodo took over the terminal nearly two weeks ago, demanding employment for their families and investment in the local community.

One of the women told the BBC's Robert Efenakpo that they will remain at the terminal until the company is ready to discuss the situation, and shame company officials by stripping naked.

The women say that Chevron may have agreed to employ youths from their community, but that the oil giant did not give any numbers, and that the multinational has not specified how it is going to go about providing the amenities it has promised in the framework of the deal.

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Editorial

Diminutive survivor is a true hero for us all

"We had a bunch of police officers that were working around the clock, but that pales in comparison to a 7-year-old that was bound and gagged for 24 hours in a house all by herself, and to have the attitude she had last night and to survive, the human spirit was amazing the way it was shining through that little girl." — Philadelphia Police Inspector Bill Colarulo said regarding Erica Pratt.

With so many of our physical, moral and financial foundations being imploded recently, Americans were ready for a real hero, and Erica Pratt 3-foot-5 and 30 pounds of true grit with the wit and determination did not disappoint us when she stepped from the normality of her 7-year-old life in Philadelphia into our hearts.

When kidnappers grabbed Erica, she fought back kicking and screaming. The two men allegedly told her grandmother during a ransom call that they would kill Erica. Erica had every reason to believe their vicious threats, after all the evening news carried several stories in recent days where kidnapped little girls have been murdered.

When the kidnappers left Erica alone bound, gagged and hungry, she tenaciously chewed through the duct tape around her hands, uncovered her eyes and courageously broke a window and screamed for help. Another group of alert youngsters notified the police, who rescued Erica.

An apparently content child who appears to have a well of self-confidence and a dose of urban sophistication, Erica displayed great determination and resolve during her dilemma. Despite the size of the adult brutes who endangered her very existence, she outwitted them.

There are television shows, and songs about survivors, but Erica is a living model of what it means to believe in yourself enough to go up against the odds. We salute Erica Pratt's bravery and quick thinking. We thank her for refusing to be a victim and reminding the whole world just how incredibly amazing, inventive and courageous the human spirit can be.

Closing EO welfare hurts more than the poor

By Maretta J. Short

The welfare program is a safety net support service for poor families with children, eligible single adults and married couples. These services are more significant today because of rocketing unemployment rates, reduced salaries, and the rising cost of living stemming in part from the horrific attack on America last September 11th.

Although most New Jersey municipalities consolidated their welfare programs to county Workfirst NJ programs before the nation's financial crisis, about 170 cities, including East Orange (E.O.), continued to manage their clients.

About two weeks after the citizens contested the E.O. City Council approving retroactive raises for themselves, the Mayor and his staff, and all department heads, the part-time council members on the Health Education and Welfare Committee placed a motion on the Council agenda to pass a resolution closing the E.O. Welfare Department, farm the 600 clients out to the county, and destroy 17 city jobs — further

reducing the quality of life for all citizens. Women of Color and Allies Essex County National Organization interrupted the move for Women, and community activists. The groups protested the planned department shut down that morning by informing the public and city employees of what was about to happen. Members of the community phoned city council representatives and urged them to vote "no". That evening the protesters demonstrated in front of the E.O. City Hall.

The Chairwomen of the Health Education, and Welfare Committee, Lori Maddox sent the resolution back to committee. Her motion allowed the public to speak out against the resolution. Councilwoman Jackie Johnson stated that she was tired of people from other cities coming to her city and taking advantage of services offered by East Orange. I disagree with her conclusion because the county does not monitor clients the way that city welfare does. The county sees clients once every six months, however the City must meet with their clients monthly, so it appears

that Councilwoman Johnson has not done her homework.

I am greatly concerned that E.O. welfare clients may slip through the cracks under the County's monitoring policies and lack of staff. Some of these clients will become disillusioned and resort to means of survival that increase crime in our community.

Welfare is an emergency service just like the police and fire departments. Without them we have no place to turn to when our lives are out of control. It amazes me that some people must experience tragedy or hardship before they see the worth in public assistance as an emergency service. It's like ignoring the fire in the living room because you're in the kitchen.

People must realize is that if they are flying first class while others are flying second class, however when something goes wrong with the airplane, everyone goes down together.

Maretta J. Short is the Affirmative Action Coordinator for NOW-NJ and president of Women of Color and Allies Essex County.

LA beating victim's lawyer challenges status quo

By Joe C. Hopkins

The events of July 6, 2002, like the events of 1992 with the arrest of now infamous Rodney King, will live in the memory of the world forever. This event will join the litany of events that define the violent relationship between black and white Americans from the beginning of our relationship.

On July 8, 2002, I was retained to represent Donovan Jackson, the man-child who was attacked, beaten and then accused of being the criminal in a situation where he was the obvious victim of police violence on July 6, 2002. Biologically, he is a young black male, aged 16. By culture he is an endangered species and a member of the less likely class. Less likely to survive to live a long life, less likely to get a decent education, less likely to avoid contact with the criminal justice system, less likely to avoid major health problems and receive treatment for major illnesses such as cancer and diabetes, less likely to own his own home, and less likely to own his

own business. The list goes on and on. And for all of his notoriety he will not be able to avoid the living-with-less syndrome that society assigns to him unless the members of the status quo abandon their comfort spots and do their part to take this the time to make some changes.

The question for us is why has the assignment not changed? The answer is simple. There is no benefit to the members of the status quo to change it. As a lawyer for the last 20 years representing hundreds of young black men in similar situations without the fanfare and notoriety of this video-taped event, I am by definition, a member of the status quo. Lawyers will make money to gain notoriety and further plant themselves deeper into the status quo. The civil rights leaders and the politicians will all say the right things, and accept the applause as they go back and write a new speech with the same theme that says in a thousand ways "society does this to us and they must stop." The response to this is that "they" will not stop voluntarily. They must be stopped by the status quo

armed with new and creative solutions, even with the realization that their immediate popularity may be jeopardized, but their place in history in the evolution of black America will then be established as one, who like Esther, in the Bible (Esther 4:1-12) did to fight the good fight to do the right thing for her people as scripture is quoted: "For such a time as this, and if I perish, I perish." Maybe a video-taped incident of Donovan Jackson has come to us for such a time as this. We will not perish unless we refuse take up the mantra of our forefathers and do what is best for our people.

Who like Esther will leave the comfort of the status quo and lead our people out of modern-day slavery?

For such a time as this we need to develop an action-oriented think tank with paid staff in every church and organization to recapture the creativity of our forefathers. At such a time as this, will you join?

Joseph C. Hopkins is an attorney and member of the California Bar Association.

Flock You: Miss Cleo & Alan Greenspan

by Lloyd Williams

"Call me now fer yuh free readin'. Yeah, call me now, darling." — Tele-Psychic Miss Cleo

"We as central bankers need not be concerned if a collapsing financial asset bubble does not threaten to impair the real economy, its production, jobs, and price stability. Indeed, the sharp stock market break of 1987 had few negative consequences for the economy." — Alan Greenspan

It didn't take the Feds long to act when it discovered that Miss Cleo, the annoying, TV psychic is a fraud. Los Angeles and baptized Youree Dell Harris, mon. Harris, has been sued by the Federal Trade Commission which asked her to prove that she is really a celebrated clairvoyant from Jamaica qualified to dole out advice on money and

other personal matters. In court last month, the loquacious, loudmouth repeatedly invoked her right to remain silent.

The government alleges Miss Cleo's Psychic Network overcharged customers, billed for services never purchased and used abusive language during telemarketing calls. But am I wrong to wonder whether the government might have bigger fish to fry right now, given the current economic crisis?

For instance, exactly is the function of the Federal Reserve Board and its chairman, Alan Greenspan? If Greenspan was entitled to so much credit for the Clinton era financial boom, shouldn't he shoulder some of the blame for the recent collapses of Enron or WorldCom? Somebody certainly looked the other way while so many Fortune 500 corporations simultaneously decided to resort to crooked accounting and insider trading practices.

Was it okay for Greenspan to fiddle while modern-day robber barons fleeced their company's assets?

The Federal Reserve Board's job, essentially, is to ensure that our free market system is functioning fairly, on a level playing field which offers everyone equal access to the American capitalist dream.

However, when I see Martha Stewart and Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay making ethically questionable sweetheart deals for themselves, while their minions lose millions, I wonder whether President Rutherford B. Hayes might have been the American people's true psychic friend, darling, when he lamented that, "It is a government of the people by the people for the people no longer," predicting, "a government of corporations by corporations for corporations."

Lloyd Williams is an attorney and member of the bar of the US Supreme Court.

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NJ Africa commerce commission established

NEWARK — A NJ Assembly bill aimed at promoting stronger relations between New Jersey and democratic countries in Africa took on a larger proportion last week, when a small group of African businessmen, educators and civic leaders added the social ethos and economic pathos to the discussion.

Taking the microphone one after the other, the delegation which represented Ghana and Nigeria, spoke of their longing to do business with the United States, the global connection between the large number of Africans and Americans of African decent in New Jersey and the impact that ongoing trade could have on their continent's economy, AIDS and hunger. The African businessmen, all New Jersey residents, spoke during the public hearing held by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee last week in Newark. The bill, sponsored by state Assembly representatives Donald Tucker (D-Essex) and Bonnie Watson-Coleman (D-Mercer) was passed by the committee following the hearing.

Franklin I. Ogele, an investment banker, told committee members during the hearing that the bill could even have a positive impact on child labor in Africa, where economics often force youth to work instead of attending school.

"This bill will help the whole world. Today we (the U.S.) are sending aid because they (African nations) cannot stand on their own two feet. But if you teach Africa how to fish, she can provide for her own and for the world," Ogele said.

"If New Jersey wants to maintain its standing in the global economy of the 21st century,

it will need to forge stronger lasting ties with African countries," said Tucker. "Many African states have adopted democratic government policies and procedures. New Jersey's strong democratic government could serve as a model and help influence the ongoing stability of these nations." The Tucker/Watson Coleman measure (A-2396) would establish an unpaid 20-member New Jersey-Africa Commission to assist the state Commerce and Economic Growth Commission in developing cultural, trade, governmental and educational exchanges between the state and Africa nations.

Ogele, an investment banker said, "We only hear about Africa in the context of AIDS or tribal wars, but Africa has so much more to offer the world. This is the first time Africans have been invited to participate in events that relate to them."

Albert O. Ukaigwe, chair of the North NJ Chapter of the Nigerian People's Forum, said the timing of the bill was highly appropriate in light of the turbulence on Wall Street and the passage of Congressional legislation.

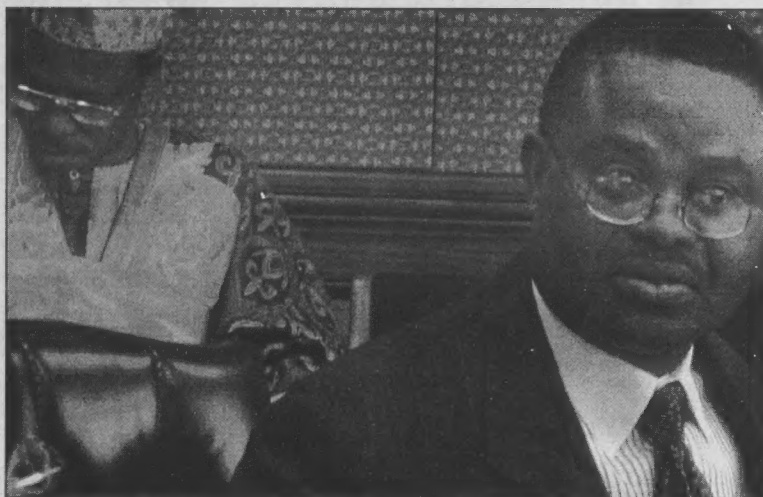
"We also need to take advantage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) passed by U.S. Congress in 2000," Ukaigwe said. "The U.S. exports to sub-Saharan Africa grew 17.5 percent in 2001 to nearly \$7 billion," Ukaigwe continued, "With the establishment of this commission New Jersey will position herself to take full advantage of AGOA."

"New Jersey is one of the states in the union with the highest concentration per mile of people who can trace their origin to Africa," according to Ukaigwe who call the Commission a win-win opportunity.

council held its first hearing on reparations claims by the descendants of enslaved Africans. Claimants have asked the City to fund a commission to study the reparations demand, to hold a "Reparations Awareness Day," to support a lawsuit seeking restitution from three corporations that profited mightily from the trans Atlantic slave trade, and for the U.S. government to hold fact finding hearings on reparations.

POSTAL SERVICE GETS 'DIVERSITY' STAMP OF APPROVAL

WASHINGTON — For the third year in the row, the U.S. Postal Service ranked among the nation's top major companies embracing diversity. Fortune magazine ranked the Postal Service 8th on its "Best Companies for Minorities" list,



Franklin I. Ogele, in the foreground, Anthony Ilhunna, in the background.

nity. "Therefore Africans will feel comfortable doing business with New Jersey."

"Culturally, the commission would support many African Americans in learning more about their ancestry," Watson Coleman (D-Ewing) said later in a statement that supported Ukaigwe.

Another speaker, Kwaku Boakyee, of the First Ghanaian Society of New Jersey, said that his nation and Nigeria are among the African nations that have the capacity to readily enter into commerce agreements with New Jersey, and that there are sufficient Africans living in the state who have relationships with the political and economic forces within Democratic African nations to help lawmakers and the business community facilitate trade agreements. Two of the speakers addressed New Jersey's leadership in the pharmaceutical industry, and the impact that trade could have on

based on the Postal Service's hiring, promoting, and retaining an inclusive workforce, despite layoffs of more than 20,000 employees.

NJCU BUSINESS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES QUALITY ACCREDITATION

JERSEY CITY — The Business Administration Department of the New Jersey City University (NJCU) College of Professional Studies was one of 19 institutions awarded by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) recently. The ACBSP accreditation certifies that NJCU meets the rigorous educational standards established by (ACBSP). The NJCU Business Administration Department sponsors a chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the national business honor society.

AIDS and other medical needs in Africa.

The Commission would be organized into five committees: Economic Development and

Trade, Education and Human Resource Development, Health and Medicine, Culture and Tourism, and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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ADAMS NATIONAL BANK GETS \$2M MICROSOFT DEPOSIT

WASHINGTON — Microsoft made a \$2 million deposit at Adams National Bank, the country's largest woman-owned and managed bank to shore up the institution's

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capacity to continue lending money to small business customers, most of which are minority-owned or not-for-profit. Microsoft has earmarked \$9 million for minority and women-owned banks.

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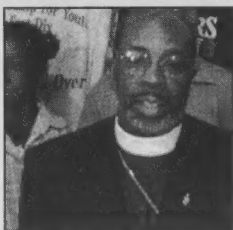
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Greater NJ United Methodist & Horizon/Mercy unite to insure uninsured children

Of the approximately 160,000 New Jersey children who are estimated to be eligible for insurance coverage through NJ FamilyCare, 95,870, or 60 percent, are enrolled in the program, leaving 40 percent of eligible children uninsured.

United Methodist Churches and Horizon/Mercy have joined together to increase the number of insured children throughout the state and to educate community residents on health issues and preventative measures to keep them healthy via a new program, "The Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty."

Bishop Alfred Johnson, Resident Bishop of the Greater New Jersey Conference; Heidi J. Smith, Executive Director of NJ Family Care; and Velvet G. Miller, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of Horizon/Mercy will discuss their plans and goals for increasing the number of insured children in New Jersey, explain why health insurance is so important for children, and offer insight into



Bishop Alfred Johnson

the national crisis of uninsured children. Children who recently have obtained insurance coverage through the new program are expected to be in attendance.

The Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church serves approximately 115,000 members in more than 600 churches throughout New Jersey, several churches in Rockland, Orange and Sullivan counties in New York, and churches in Pike County, Pa.

Horizon/Mercy is New Jersey's largest managed health care organization serving the publicly insured, providing health care services to more than 280,000 people in all 21 New Jersey counties.

Health & science:

SPORTS, GIRLS AND UNHEALTHY EATING LINK

Health Behavior News Service

Girls involved in sports that emphasize staying at a certain weight are more likely than their peers to practice unhealthy eating behaviors to achieve their desired weight, a new largescale study confirms.

The research also reveals risk factors that can be used to identify girls engaged in weight-dependent sports, like gymnastics and ballet, who are particularly vulnerable to eating behaviors considered "disordered." These risk factors include depression, a history of sexual abuse, or abuse of cigarettes, alcohol or marijuana.

The investigators placed a girl in the "disordered eating behavior" category if she reported attempting to lose weight or prevent weight gain during the previous week by forcing herself to vomit, using diet pills, or taking laxatives or diuretics. The researchers did not use survey data for less extreme behaviors, such as eating less to lose or keep from gaining weight, as these self-described actions do not necessarily indicate disordered eating.

"Although weight-related sports involvement has been associated [in previous studies] with elevated risk for eating dis-

orders, not all youth involved in [these sports] display symptoms," notes lead author Nancy E. Sherwood, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

The findings appear in the July/August issue of the American Journal of Health Promotion.

To better characterize the young women at greatest risk, Sherwood and her colleagues analyzed selected data from a 1995/1996 survey of adolescent health in Connecticut. The subsample included 5,174 female public school students in the seventh, ninth, and 11th grades.

Like previous researchers who studied smaller groups, Sherwood and the investigators found that participation in a weight-related was a risk factor for disordered eating behaviors. A girl who participated in such sports, they observed, was 1.5 times more than a nonparticipant to engage in these behaviors.

Yet despite the elevated risk among the girls involved in weight-related sports, the responses of the vast majority (91 percent) provided no clear evidence of disordered eating.

By comparing various survey responses from the girls who

did and did not report disordered eating behaviors, the investigators were able to identify risk factors beyond mere participation in a weight-related sport. Of note, underweight was not on the list, suggesting that low body weight for height is not a reliable indicator of disordered eating in this population.

"Coaches and other education and health professionals should be aware that girls with [the] additional risk factors may be more likely to exhibit disordered eating" and monitor athletes for symptoms, the researchers conclude.

At the same time, they recommend, "coaches should pay attention to messages they send regarding weight-related issues, ensuring that they emphasize healthy approaches to eating and exercise."

Funding for the Voice of Connecticut Youth Survey was provided by the State of Connecticut Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Funds for data analysis were provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Center.

NJ AIDS ride donates to charity

ASBURY PARK — Sponsors of the first annual New Jersey Ride for AIDS have announced that 100 percent of the proceeds from the three-day, 250-mile bicycle ride will go directly to New Jersey charities.

Organizers of the Ride hope to raise over \$150,000 for

New Jersey based AIDS charities. According to the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, more than 42,659 New Jersey residents have AIDS and more than 16,248 are HIV positive.

New Jersey ranks fifth in the nation in number of AIDS cases. Friday, September 27

through Sunday September 29, riders will travel through Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon, Somerset, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, Atlantic, and Cape May. For info go to the Community Meeting Room of the Red Bank Library on August 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Health Briefs

\$693,460 awarded in minority community health grants

TRENTON — Seven community-based minority health organizations have been awarded \$693,460 by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to help improve the health of the state's ethnic population. The grantees are: Operation Healthy Heart, Speaking from the Heart, A Strategy to Control Diabetes Among Latinos, East Orange Diabetes Project, Latino Awareness for Diabetes Intervention Network, Project Linking

Community Organizations for Development and Salud Ahora. These are the first grants to be awarded since legislation was signed last year expanding the duties of the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, allowing it to make grants to community organizations and renaming it to include multicultural health. The grants are effective immediately and run through June 30, 2003.

Blue Claw crabs from Newark Bay region are dangerous to your health

Catching blue claw crabs

has been a summer ritual for generations of New Jersey visitors and residents. It's a tradition that provides an opportunity to be outside, breathing the air, enjoying the sun and relaxing by the water. For many, this recreational activity also puts food on the family table. But for those who ply the waters of the Newark Bay region, this appealing tradition can be deadly. These small blue-shelled creatures are contaminated with dioxin and other highly toxic chemicals from decades of industrial pollution of the estuary. They can increase a person's risk of cancer and other serious health affects.



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New Schools Corporation to lead "Abbott" construction plan

PATERSON — During a stop on his "Celebrate New Jersey Tour" Monday at Paterson's East Side High School, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order creating The Schools Corporation to lead the statewide Abbott district school construction program and named a retired construction industry CEO head the new agency.

"For too long, this historic initiative to build and renovate schools throughout New Jersey has been an unfulfilled promise. From the day of its enactment, the School Construction Program was mired in bureaucracy, delays and mismanagement," McGreevey said. "This Executive Order provides for the critical attention that is needed to build and renovate New Jersey's public schools."

"We made fixing this program one of our first orders of business when we took office. We have already succeeded in accelerating funding to districts

and breaking bureaucratic log jams," said the Governor. Speaking at a construction forum last Spring, McGreevey promised to take action to move the Abbott schools decision "from the courtroom to the classroom."

"Today's action will allow us to continue streamlining the school construction process and require State and local governments to act cooperatively to ensure swift completion of much needed school projects," the Governor said.

Hamilton Bowser, president of Evanbow Construction Co., Inc., said he sees "a couple of pluses" stemming from the new agency.

"This (The Schools Corporation) will probably go a long way toward shortening the process and conflict between local school districts, local school boards and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA)," Bowser said, explaining that often under the cumbersome former system of approvals by the time a local school's requests made it through the local board to the NJEDA, another cost estimate would be required due to budget cuts and the original request could be returned to the local school for revision.

McGreevey announced that Alfred T. McNeill will serve as the first CEO of the Schools Corporation. McNeill is the retired as CEO and Chairman for The Turner Corporation, the largest building construction

organization in the United States.

Bowser applauded McGreevey's choice, saying "There is a bright spot. Alfred McNeill is a friend. Turner had the best minority business program in the nation of any construction company."



West Side High School, an Abbott District school in Newark, N.J. Cover and inside photos by Kim Bowman of City News

Bowser says he believes that the new state construction CEO "Would be supportive of some of the things we (minority construction firms) may raise an issue. Before it was like going up brick wall."

McNeill, 65, retired as CEO and chairman of Turner Corporation after 38 years in service. Turner is one of the largest building construction organizations in the nation. During his career McNeill served in numerous roles in the construction industry. Under his leadership Turner was awarded the first Corporate Company recognition by the National Association of Minority Contractors several years ago.

McGreevey outlined a 4-point plan to reorganize the School Construction Program which includes creation of a streamlined corporate structure focused exclusively on school construction, greater efficiency in procurement and project management, increased district involvement in project planning and implementation of efficient and innovative school designs.

The Schools Corporation will be a subsidiary branch of the (NJEDA), charged with carrying out the guidelines of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act.

The Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000 addresses the inadequacies in the quality, utility

and safety of educational facilities throughout the state of New Jersey. The Act seeks to meet the constitutional requirements for a thorough and efficient system of free public schools. The Act commits \$8.6 billion in State and local resources to build new school facilities and

rehabilitate existing structures in urban and suburban school districts throughout New Jersey. It is the largest school construction program in New Jersey's history.

The School Corporation will also be lead by a board of directors, comprised of the Commissioners of Education, Labor, Community Affairs, the State Treasurer, Secretary of Commerce, Executive Director of EDA, one member of the Governor's executive staff, three public members of the EDA board of directors and two members of the public, to be appointed by McGreevey.

East Side High School is one of 35 schools in Paterson that will benefit from the School Construction Program and the newly created Schools Corporation, being identified as being in need of health and safety repairs. West Side High in Newark is also an Abbott district school.

McGreevey said that since taking office, health and safety repairs have been fast tracked and by the end of this year, 90 percent of all health and safety repairs will be completed. "We have doubled the amount of money and the number of bids awarded under this program since I took office," said McGreevey.

To date \$23 million in contracts have been awarded for repairs in Paterson. Upon completion, the State will have invested \$75 million on 40 schools throughout Paterson.

NJBIA blasts Project Labor Agreement bill

TRENTON — Unions got a sweetheart deal at the expense of taxpayers when Governor James E. McGreevey signed legislation providing for union only project labor agreements (PLAs) in the construction of public buildings, New Jersey Business & Industry Association Executive Vice President Philip Kirschner said recently.

Under the new law, quietly signed by the Governor on July 25, state and local government entities can sign PLAs with unions for the construction of schools, libraries and other public building projects, effectively barring construction contractors from participating in these projects. Eliminating nonunion competition raises the cost of projects, preventing taxpayers from getting the best deal.

"This is a sweetheart deal for union, but taxpayers get it in the neck," Kirschner said. "These union only agreements will increase the cost of multi-million dollar school construction projects. They will exclude thousands of nonunion contractors and their employees simply because they do not belong to the right club."

The NJBIA led a coalition

of businesses, contractors, minority contractors, school boards and municipalities that vehemently opposed PLA legislation because it will give unions a virtual monopoly on public building contracts.

Hamilton Bowser, CEO and president of Evanbow Construction, a local multi-million dollar construction firm says he took a position that "this was not good as it applies to any public works projects."

Bowser says "the union have perfected what they want" so he countered by drafting a document that could be used to voice the concerns of minority construction firms. Those concerns include adding language to the PLA that would encourage minority firms to participate. Those firms sometimes do not participate because of minor legal snares such as traffic tickets, Bowser said. He also advocates for a training program which is not in the law or the project agreements (there are at least two PLA's currently in existence).

Bowser's document "Has all of the union's normal requirements, but it also opens it up for our business and our people," he said.

\$40M approved for nursing education

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) has announced \$40 million in funding to establish a Nurse Service Corps Program that will provide scholarships for tuition and school expenses for nurses attending school in exchange for a two-year commitment to serve in a critical nursing shortage or medical facility.

Nurses will also be able to work at for-profit hospitals and other facilities and still qualify for assistance. Students will be eligible to receive a monthly stipend of \$400 for living expenses.

"Nurses provide a critical service to hospitalized patients and elderly Americans nationwide. It is crucial that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that these services can continue to be provided to those that rely upon them," said Senator Torricelli. "Providing outstanding education at an affordable rate will help ensure that the most qualified individuals have the ability to care for our patients with the latest in medical advancements."

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) applauds federal legislators for the swift passage of the Nurse Reinvestment Act which was

adopted by both the House and Senate yesterday.

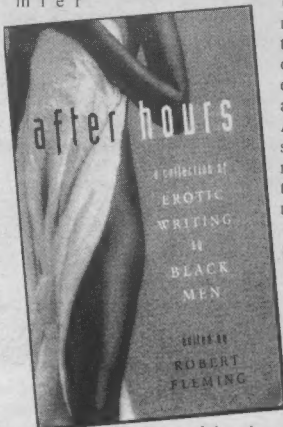
"As a registered nurse, I am proud to be able to give my colleagues in the nursing field the help they need to continue providing the highest quality care to patients," said Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA), a lead sponsor of the legislation.

"The Nurse Reinvestment Act will encourage more people to enter the nursing profession and offer important initiatives to keep nurses in the field for longer periods of time. This will result in a healthier, more productive workforce and, more importantly, in better care for patients."

Other provisions in the bill include loans for graduate-level nurses of which 85% will not have to be paid back in exchange for teaching at a nursing school. Programs to improve nursing education, practice and retention, and the creation of state and national public service announcements promoting the nursing profession will also be funded. The measure, co-sponsored by Senator Torricelli in the Senate, was agreed to by a Conference Committee of House and Senate members and now goes to President Bush for signature.

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The Small Screen

All about the Benjamins

New Line Home Entertainment has released the nonstop actioncomedy All About the Benjamins reuniting actorrapper Ice Cube



(Three Kings, Next Friday) with comedian Mike Epps (Next Friday). Cube and Epps Embark On A Hilarious Partnership

Bucum Jackson (Ice Cube) is a maverick bounty hunter who refuses to take on a partner. His current assignment is finding Reggie Wright (Epps), a slippery con artist. This is not the first time the pair has been on opposite sides of the law, but this time, Bucum's wild pursuit lands them both in the middle of a multimillion dollar diamond heist. Reggie unexpectedly finds himself in the back of a getaway van driven by coldhearted jewel thieves. After escaping the van, it seems things are starting to look up for Reggie when his recently purchased lottery ticket turns out to be the winner of a \$60 million jackpot. Unfortunately, the winning ticket is in Reggie's lost wallet in the back of the getaway van. With the diamonds and the lottery ticket at stake, and their futures on the line, Bucum and Reggie embark on a wild ride of a partnership that is "all about the Benjamins." ten by Ronald Lang and Ice Cube.

All About the Benjamins will be available to rent or to own on VHS or DVD on August 20.

New Gregory Abbott Grooves

Totally a jam, from the opening cut ("8 Days A Week") to the closing ("Wrap it up")!

NEW YORK — Platinum recording artist Gregory Abbott has been a top producer of what has become known as the "groove ballad." Abbott's unique sound is so good that when you pay close attention, you notice that his lush arrangements and Bee Gee I- back-ground vocals are as strong as his 'Marvin Gaye meets Al Green' lead vocals.

Review a copy of Abbott's latest musical voyage, Eyes, Whispers, Rhythm, Sex... on the Musik International Records label. Abbott, who writes, produces and performs his music burst upon the music scene in the late 1980's with his first album, Shake You Down. The grooveballad of the same name became a #1 hit on both the Pop and R&B charts and reached one million radio plays, faster than any other song in BMI's history.

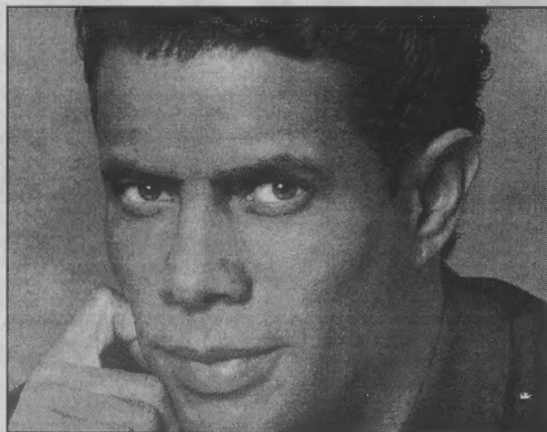
Great new songs: From the sensuous "Sexual", the romantic and powerful vocal performance on "Rhythm Rhyme" and the incredible

pop/reggae cover version of "Handyman" (the first single), to the closing "Wrap It Up" (a one man vocal odyssey), Abbott's appeal is stronger than ever. He is known for a little R&B/ Jazz, a little pop with a Caribbean touch, along with his signature groove ballads.

Shortly after Shake You Down, Abbott became a celebrity and sex symbol, modeling for layouts in Playboy and voted one of the 10 sexiest male artists in Playgirl. He had a heartthrob role on the popular soap opera All My Children.

Abbott's sophisticated looks sound and style, probably come from being raised in New York City and having a Master's degree from the University of California, while his hot AfroLatin look derives from a Venezuelan mother, and a father from the Island of Antigua.

The new CD is already earning rave reviews. "Gregory Abbott has come out with another infectious, sultry, and seductive album with the release of "Eyes, Whispers, Rhythm, Sex" Rolling Stone



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■ Signs

Review by Kam Williams

'Signs' of Hitchcock in Shyamalan's Scary, Sci-Fi Screamer

M. Night Shyamalan surprised everyone in 1999 with *The Sixth Sense*, a clever psychological thriller about a spooked kid who sees dead people.

Unbreakable, his fitting follow-up was another intriguing supernatural mystery about the sole survivor of a train wreck with over a hundred fatalities.

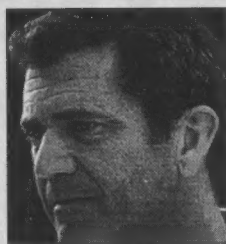
The movie, set in a rural sector of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, stars two-time Oscar-winner Mel Gibson (for *Braveheart*) as Father Graham Hess, an Episcopal minister whose faith has been shattered by the recent death of his wife. Academy Award-nominee Joaquin Phoenix co-stars as Graham's ne'er-do-well younger brother, Merrill. Together, they tend to the farm where the agnostic widower is also raising his two motherless children, the sadly stoic Morgan (Rory Culkin), 12, and the adorably precocious Bo (Abigail Breslin), 5.

As you've no doubt noticed from the spoiler of a TV commercial which has saturated the airwaves, the Hess clan awakens one morning to discover that intruders have harvested part of their cornfield, cutting

down tall stalks in a precise pattern which, from above, resembles hieroglyphics. Expecting these 'crop circles' to be exposed as a teen prank or as an elaborate practical joke, no one is up in arms over this incident initially, not even Officer Caroline Paski (Cherry Jones).

Caroline is that female cop character expected to add a gratuitous touch of local color to many a grisly mystery ever since Frances McDormand's Oscar-winning defining performance in *Fargo* (1996). Shyamalan is a master at intensifying an audience's anxiety level by spinning a scary yarn around an otherwise ordinary Everyman we can all identify with emotionally. And in the case of *Signs*, events unfold ever so slowly, in a way reminiscent of Hitchcock's *The Birds*, with an impending alien invasion serving as an ominous backdrop to the intimate family drama, at least initially.

Graham is grappling with fundamental questions about faith, questioning whether God exists. Meanwhile, equally melancholic Merrill, a once promising, minor league baseball player who never made it to the majors, is struggling to



find meaning in his life now that the cheering has stopped. Morgan unfairly blames his father for his mother's death, while innocent Bo is the only one wise enough to notice the 'Signs' of Extra Terrestrials. But by the time the adults finally connect the dots, it's almost too late.

Cleverly constructed, *Signs*' protagonists are allowed to resolve their personal demons through confrontation with the demons, which threaten the planet. Ultimately, events become increasingly claustrophobic and rather reminiscent of another sci-fi adventure also filmed in the Pennsylvania backwoods. Which 1968 black-and-white classic am I referring to? Ask director M. Night "of the Living Dead" Shyamalan to tell you himself, unless you're good at reading between the lines.

Signs, two hours of terror, the whole family can share. Excellent (4 stars) Rated PG-13 for frightening moments.

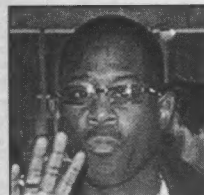
Kam's Kapsules:

For movies opening August 2, 2002

Full Frontal (R for language and sexual content) Steve Soderbergh sequel to *Sex Lies & Videotape* features all new cast, including Blair Underwood, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, Mary McCormack, Catherine Keener and David Duchovny. Steamy movie within a movie about a nosy reporter who coaxes erotic confessions from her subjects for the camera.



Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R for crude sexual references and pervasive profanity) Live concert film where the colorful comedian explores the lighter side of those controversial, personal stories which left him the subject of so many tabloid headlines.



The Master of Disguise (PG for crude humor and mild epithets) Adam Sandler produced this kiddie comedy for pal Dana Carvey who appears in title role as a sloppy sleuth who is far better at getting into than out of an undercover costume. Jennifer Esposito co-stars as love interest while American Idol Paula Abdul, Bo '10' Derek, Jesse 'The Governor' Ventura and Edie McClurg cameo.



E Briefs Entertainment News

Ashanti set to soar to the top at the Soul Train awards

R&B's new sensation, Ashanti, captured five nominations for the eighth annual Lady of Soul awards, leading all singers for the August 24 "Soul Train" music show. Ashanti, 21, has sold more than 1.5 million copies of her self-titled debut album, and is up for best solo R&B/soul album and new solo artist. "Foolish," her hit, was nominated for best R&B solo single, song of the year, and video of the year. Ashanti is also scheduled to receive the "Entertainer of the Year" award.

Beyonce says she is on the brink of collapse

Singer/actress Beyonce Knowles recently followed revelations may consult a therapist to cure her depression with news that she is suffering from exhaustion. The Destiny's Child star has been in the promotion whirlwind with her two latest projects, the Austin Powers movie, "Goldmember" and her debut solo album. The physical demands have led Knowles to consider quitting her romantic role with Cuba Gooding Jr. in "The Fighting Temptations."

Bernie Mac tells Damon Wayans the airway is big enough for competing black comedy shows.

Comedian and actor Bernie Mac says he is not going to join Damon Wayans in the fight against Fox's decision to schedule "The Bernie Mac Show" against ABC's "My Wife and Kids." Wayans says there are too few series starring blacks for the networks to have them compete against each other. Mac, on the other hand says the decision is not his concern, and says there is room for both shows because their audience is different.

Mystikal becomes latest rapper facing assault charges

Rapper Mystikal is facing a possible life sentence after being arrested on rape charges recently in Baton Rouge, La. The alleged victim, a 40-year-old hair stylist who worked for the star, led local police to a videotape that allegedly shows Mystikal and two men accusing the woman of stealing money and sexually assaulting her. The singer's real name is Michael Tyler.

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Firms with demonstrated experience in the placement of the above listed staff in the past three (3) years are encouraged to request a copy of the RFP.

Additional prequalification requirements may be obtained by e-mail request to Ms. Laurie Spencer at lspencer@panynj.gov.

The response to the RFP to be submitted to the Authority is set forth in the document entitled "Request for Proposals for Performance of Professional and Technical Architectural and Engineering Supplemental Staffing Services on an 'As-Needed' Basis During 2003, 2004 and 2005", a copy of which will be furnished to interested consultants upon request to Ms. Laurie Spencer by e-mail at lspencer@panynj.gov. The response to the RFP shall be due on or about August 20, 2002.

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ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering preferred
- 5 or more years experience supervising union craft personnel in repair & maintenance of high speed equipment preferred.
- Electrical background is essential.
- Working knowledge of Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC).
- Experience in high-speed production environment a must.
- Willing to do shift work and overtime.

MAINTENANCE MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN \$25.00/hr.

Qualifications:

- Mechanical experience in a packaging and/or production environment.
- Skill competency common to a journeyman mechanic or millwright.
- Experience in hydraulic and pneumatic systems.
- Ability to rebuild gearboxes, replace bearings, bushings, etc.
- Experience in reading blue prints and layout drawings to repair machinery and order parts.
- Ability to operate shop equipment such as lathes, mills, drill presses, welders and grinding machines a plus.
- Ability to use basic measuring tools such as micrometers, dial indicators, vernier calipers, etc.
- Experience in using computers, minor electrical & piping work is helpful.
- Ability to work all shifts. Weekends & overtime when necessary.
- Strong interpersonal skills are essential.

WEEKENDERS: (Quality Assurance Department)

Year-round positions that entail working on Saturdays and/or Sundays & holidays when needed. Weekenders are scheduled on any shift that needs to be filled.

Qualifications:

- Must possess a 4-year Science degree; or a 4-year degree in another major, courses taken in Statistics, Chemistry, and Microbiology are required.
- Must have basic knowledge of laboratory procedures and techniques.
- Ability to work on all shifts (days, afternoons & midnight).
- Ability to work at least three weekends per month (Saturday and/or Sunday as needed).
- Must be able to work holidays when needed.

Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):

- Run routine analytical analysis on bulk beer samples: pH, ballings, alcohol, sodium, & iron.
- Run routine analysis of packaged beer for oxygen, CO2, and fill contents.
- Inspection of finished package product for proper package integrity and specifications.
- Routine testing of pasteurizers for proper pasteurization.
- Other routine laboratory testing as needed.

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Calendar

Community

ONGOING

New Brunswick — Help available for parents concerned about Children's Safety. For more info call 1-800-CHILDREN.

FRI NOW — LABOR DAY

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center Offers Family Friendly Days from 9:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-1000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Kearny — The Shoprite of Kearny will hold a seminar on "Health Care for You and Your Family" from 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. For more info call 1-800-Shoprite.

NOW — THURSDAY AUG 2

Mountainside — The Trailside Nature and Science Center Camp invites third and sixth grade students to experience Zootopia from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. For more info call 908-789-3670 ext 221.

Mountainside — The Trailside Nature and Science Center Camp invites fifth and sixth grade students to Backwoods Lore from 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. For more info call 908-789-3670 ext 221.

Mountainside — The Trailside Nature and Science Center Camp invites fifth and sixth grade students to Hoorary for Herpetiles from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. For more info call 908-789-3670 ext 221.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Morristown — The Morristown National Historical Park will host "Colonial Money & Currency" at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. For more info call 973-539-2016 ext 210.

Lincroft — The Monmouth County Park System is sponsoring a bus ride trip to the Mets vs. Diamond Backs game at Shea Stadium at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 732-842-4000.

Elizabeth — Community Access Unlimited will hold a flea market from 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. For more info call 908-354-3040.

SAT AUG 3 — SUN AUG 4

New York — The South Street Seaport Museum will host the 12th annual New York Ship and Boat Model Festival from 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. For more info call 212-748-8758.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Morristown — The Morristown

National Historic Park will present storytelling at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-2016 ext 210.

Millburn — Taylor Park will host a summer concert series from 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. For more info call 973-564-7096.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Jersey City — The Speicher-Rubin Women's Center will host a free series of campus programs in August that will include lectures on "Women Returning to school" from 1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3189

New York — South Street Seaport Museum, in collaboration with Working Waterfront Association, Inc., returns with Nostalgia—a screening of the Tugboat Film and Video Series from 7:00 p.m. For more info call 212-843-9234.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Eatontown — Pathfinder consulting group will conduct a popular mega job fair at the Sheraton Hotel. From 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. For more info call 732-821-7048

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Newark — Attention all job seekers! Urban League of Essex County is sponsoring a UPS job fair. From at 9:00 p.m. till 12:00 noon. For more info please call Mr. Dunn or Mr. Jones at 973-624-9535

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Jersey City — Come meet the author Andrew M. Warren and purchase your own copy of "The People of the Veil" (book signing price \$20.00) from 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 877-333-7422

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Jersey City — Ms. DeAngelis will speak on "How to Finance Your College or Graduate Education". This event begins at 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Speicher-Rubin Women's Center. For more info please call 201-200-3189.

Business

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Newark — NJIT Procurement Center is holding a free workshop for small businesses. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. for more info please call 973-596-3105.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Freehold — A "Night Out" in Freehold Borough, to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention. This event starts at

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. For more info please call 732-431-7918

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 6, 13

Cranford — The Union County College students will have a complete introduction to Microsoft Windows 2000. It will take place from 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. to register please call 908-709-7600

WED., NOW — AUGUST 16

Newark — Ironbound Business Improvement District presents Sounds of Ironbound from 12:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-491-9191.

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 20-27

Cranford — Learn Microsoft Word 2000. Practice document creation and editing page and character formatting, tables, merging and spell and grammar check. This event will be held at the Union County College, for more details please call 908-709-7600.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

East Orange — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a Blood Drive. For more info call 1-800-433-6522.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Montclair — The Blood center of New Jersey community will have a blood drive at the Masonic Montclair Lodge, on 23 South Fullerton Avenue. From 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more info please call 1-800-652-5663 ext 140.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27- 29

Asbury Park — The first annual New Jersey Ride for AIDS, a three day, 250-mile bicycle ride traveling the length of New Jersey. The purpose of the Ride is to raise money to assist people living with HIV and AIDS.

Artz

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Newark — The Newark Public Library and the Newark Museum will present Youth Cinema: The Color of Friendship at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6550.

Newark — The Newark Museum will host the 28th Annual Newark Black Film Festival at NJIT with guest speaker William Greaves at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6355.

Morris — The Bickford Museum at the Morris Museum will present "Flumpa and Friends: Amazing

World" at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more info call 973-971-3700.

WED, JULY 31 - OCT 27

Newark — The Newark Museum will display an exhibit of Homer's Odyssey. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Newark — The Newark Museum will host Jazz in the Garden featuring Ron Carter from 12:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

New York — The Sony Wonder Technology Lab will present Metropolis at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 212-833-7858.

Newark — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will present the outdoor concert series of Absolut Sounds of the City 2002 with guests Eco Del Sur, Brasil & Co., and Emiline Michel from 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

Morris — The Bickford Museum at the Morris Museum will present "Creature Feature Fun Show" at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more info call 973-971-3700.

Holmdel — The PNC Bank Arts Center will present Mary J. Blige featuring Wyclef Jean at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 732-335-0400.

New York — South Street Seaport will host The Blues Cruise with special guest Shemekia Copeland at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. For more info call 212-732-8257.

Mahwah — New Orleans rhythm and blues and vintage Louisiana rock and roll will perform bayou rhythms, in the Commerce Bank summer concert series at Ramapo College of New Jersey outdoors at the Band Shell. For more info call 201-684-7115.

THUR, AUG 1 — SUN, AUG 4

Newark — The African Globe Theatre will present "Young Gifted and Black" at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Newark — The New Community Arts Program will host Priority Jazz Series with guest Wynona Brooks from 7:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-7848.

FRI, AUG 2 — SAT, AUG 3

Holmdel — The PNC Bank Arts Center will present Barry Manilow at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 732-335-0400.

NOW — FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Newark — The African Globe Theatre will present MacBeth in The Hood at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Irvington — Upcoming Unity Day 2002, a fun-filled day of activities for families and the entire community, from 12:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-399-6639.

SAT AUG 3 — SUN AUG 4

West Orange — Rascals Comedy Club will present Comedian Guy Torry from Def Comedy Jam. For more info call 973-736-2726.

WEDNESDAY, 7

Newark — African globe theatre-works presents "Gifted and Black". Starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Newark Symphony Hall. For more info call 973-624-1584.

THURSDAY, AUG 8-10, 15-17

New York — Arch Production presents: Day Dreams by James Gibbs. At the Sande Shurin Theater, tickets are \$15. For more info call 646-382-3480

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Newark — Great News for poets! The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000.00 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412-A Moonlight Ave, El Paso Texas 79904 or at www.freecontest.com. Deadline entry is August 24.

Religion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Newark — Gospel Concert featuring Grammy award winning Gospel Duo Mary-Mary, is open to the public and is dedicated to the families of the WTC Tragedy. Performance starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more info please call 201-344-1606

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Newark — The Religious Affairs Committee Of the Newark Branch NAACP invites you to join in a prayer vigil in honor of NAACP President Daniel Williams. Starting at 6:00, for more info call 973-624-6400.

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